(*b*) whether the estimate has already been called for and sanctioned for the construction of the building ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know the amount sanctioned for the construction of the Magistrate's Court.

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Rs. 7,330.

Kaudiyar—Mascot Hotel Road.

5. ❋ **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the length of the road between the Kaudiyar Palace Gate and the Mascot Hotel near the Chief Engineer's Office ;

(*b*) under the Town-Planning system, whether the repair and improvement of the road has been completed ;

(*c*) the amount that has been spent for the purpose up to the end of Edavam 1111 ;

(*d*) when the work began ;

(*e*) when it was completed ; and

(*f*) if it is not yet completed, how much more time and money would it require for its completion ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) 8895 Rft.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Rs. 3,28,432 including the land compensation to the extent of Rs. 75,188.

(*d*) In Kanni 1109.

(*e*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

(*f*) It may be completed this year at a further approximate cost of Rs. 1,22,000.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : With reference to parts (*b*) and (*f*) may I know the reason for the delay in completing this work ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : We are awaiting instructions from Government to carry on the work.

MR. S J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the sum of Rs. 3,28,432 has been actually expended for the purpose of this road ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know the amount of waste on the part of the P. W. D. that will come under that ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : It is an improper question.

PRESIDENT : You are at liberty to answer that. I am not disallowing the question.

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : There is no waste.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from Government how many times the road was partly completed, again dug up and again completed ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) ; I have not got the information.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Chief Engineer conducted proper inspection when the work was in progress ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Yes, Sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Chief Engineer has brought to the notice of Government that there was absolute waste in the construction of the work ?

PRESIDENT : Having regard to the answer of the Chief Engineer that there is no waste, this question does not arise.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Government will be pleased to appoint an expert committee to go into the expenditure incurred on that road till now ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : There is no need to do so.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether the expenditure of Rs. 1,22,000 referred to in part (*f*) of the question will not be decreased under the Town Planning Scheme ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : This is part and parcel of the Town Planning Scheme.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : May I know the original estimated amount of the road ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I claim notice.

Office of the Curator for the Publication of Oriental Manuscripts.

6. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of applications received offering buildings for the location of the Office of the Curator for the Publication of Oriental Manuscripts ;

(*b*) whether all the buildings so offered were inspected and the amount of rent for each ascertained ;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, the reason for the same ; and

(*d*) whether the building now taken up for the purpose was found to be useless both by the Excise and the Devaswom Departments in recent times to locate their offices ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Seven

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